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**NINTH MARIJUANA DEALER SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS
AS PART OF THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO
A MAJOR MARIJUANA TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **MICHAEL KENNEDY**, age 26, of 503 Quails Run Road, Louisville, Kentucky, **was sentenced to five years in federal prison** for conspiring with others to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana in and around Louisville between April 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Kennedy** was also sentenced to 4 years of supervised release to begin after the completion of his prison sentence.

Kennedy admitted that between April 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003, he, along with Benjamin Schwartz, John Warner, and others, conspired to possess and distribute marijuana in and around Louisville, Kentucky. **Kennedy** became very actively involved in the marijuana trafficking of the Schwartz and Warner organization in 2003. In approximately April 2003, **Kennedy** rented a cabin off of Taylorsville Road in Louisville as a stash house for Schwartz and Warner. Schwartz and Warner paid the rent on the cabin. In June 2003, another co-conspirator began delivering marijuana to the cabin. **Kennedy** assisted Schwartz, Warner, and others break the marijuana down.

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Additionally, **Kennedy** made drug deliveries for Schwartz and Warner. For his efforts, Schwartz and Warner paid **Kennedy** \$1000 per week. During the summer of 2003, **Kennedy** assisted Schwartz and Warner break down and distribute approximately 1500 pounds of marijuana.

Schwartz and Warner previously pled guilty and were sentenced to 17 years and 15 years respectively in federal prison. Schwartz and Warner admitted to being the leaders of a large drug organization that operated in and around Louisville from approximately January 1, 2000 to March 15, 2005. The Schwartz and Warner marijuana trafficking organization distributed approximately 6000 pounds of marijuana. The approximate street value of 6000 pounds of marijuana is between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

Brad Richardson, another dealer in the drug ring, was sentenced to 3 years and 5 months in federal prison on September 1, 2006. On August 21, 2006, Robert Heuser was sentenced to 5 years in federal prison for his part in this marijuana trafficking conspiracy. On August 14, 2006, Robert Morrow was sentenced to 2 years and 11 months for his part in this marijuana trafficking conspiracy. On April 13, 2006, Frank Thomas was sentenced to 2 years for his part in this marijuana trafficking conspiracy. On March 6, 2006, Dennis Dahl was sentenced to 11 years and 8 months for supplying Robert Morrow with marijuana as part of this marijuana trafficking conspiracy. On February 10, 2006, Dale Jackson was sentenced to 2 years for his part in this marijuana trafficking conspiracy.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

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